

House File 2135 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a violence prevention competitive grant
2 program administered by the department of education for school
3 districts to assist elementary school children and providing
4 an appropriation.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
6 TLSB 5580YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.27 VIOLENCE PREVENTION GRANT
1 2 PROGRAM.
1 3 1. There is established a violence prevention grant
1 4 program administered by the department to provide competitive
1 5 grants to school districts to help elementary school children
1 6 feel cared for, safe, and connected to supportive institutions
1 7 and individuals.
1 8 2. In developing grant approval criteria, the department
1 9 shall place priority on whether applications meet the
1 10 following conditions:
1 11 a. Encourages development of and use of behavioral,
1 12 cognitive, emotional, and interpersonal competencies.
1 13 b. Provides a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to
1 14 nurturing children at home, at school, and in the community.
1 15 c. Provides for a safe, positive, and constructive
1 16 environment for children.
1 17 d. Demonstrates that the school district is able to
1 18 sustain the program after the grant is exhausted.
1 19 3. Activities supported by grants awarded pursuant to this
1 20 section may include but are not limited to violence prevention
1 21 curricula and counseling, student leadership activities,
1 22 mentoring, and positive interaction with law enforcement.
1 23 4. The department shall make every effort to award grants
1 24 to a balance of rural and urban school district programs.
1 25 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION == VIOLENCE PREVENTION
1 26 GRANTS == APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the
1 27 general fund of the state to the department of education for
1 28 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30,
1 29 2009, the following amount, or so much thereof as is
1 30 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:
1 31 For the violence prevention grant program established
1 32 pursuant to section 256.27, as enacted by this Act:
1 33 \$ 200,000

EXPLANATION

1 35 This bill establishes a violence prevention grant program
2 1 administered by the department of education to provide
2 2 competitive grants to school districts to help elementary
2 3 school children feel cared for, safe, and connected to
2 4 supportive institutions and individuals. The bill
2 5 appropriates \$200,000 to the department for FY 2008=2009 for
2 6 the program.
2 7 The bill directs the department to develop grant approval
2 8 criteria that places priority on whether applications meet
2 9 specified conditions and to make every effort to award grants
2 10 to a balance of rural and urban school district programs.
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2 14 positive interaction with law enforcement.
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